

Participating Colleges

Scholarships may be used at a Michigan degree-granting public or nonpublic college, including Focus: Hope.

A complete listing of participating institutions is enclosed.

STEP 4

UNEXPECTED THINGS HAPPEN, BUT THERE IS HELP:

If it is necessary that you attend less than half-time or need to interrupt your enrollment, an appeal for award consideration may be made. Your appeal request must precede enrollment in the affected semester/term. If the appeal for leave is for medical reasons, a doctor's statement must be attached.

You must keep SSG informed of any changes in continuous attendance. Failure to notify SSG of an interruption to your enrollment can result in forfeiting this award.

If you have questions, call
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GEAR UP Michigan! SCHOLARSHIP

*Helping
Students
Pay for
College*



***Do You Want To
Keep Your
Scholarship?
...READ THIS!***

Program Description

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (**GEAR UP**) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle and high schools. The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

GEAR UP MICHIGAN: “Reaching the Urban Centers” targets three urban public school systems: Detroit, Flint, and Muskegon.

Your continued pursuit of a college degree is an investment you are making in yourself. The Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) Division can help you achieve your goal, but you must complete the necessary steps to renew your scholarship.



STEP 1

RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Attend an eligible Michigan school at least half-time.
- Meet the college's satisfactory academic progress standards.
- Not be incarcerated.
- Complete and return the enclosed Renewal form by **April 5, 2013**.



Remember your award is based on full-time attendance. Attending 3/4 or half-time will reduce the amount of your award. Eligibility for your award expires five (5) years from the date of your high school graduation.

STEP 2

RENEWING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION IS THE FIRST STEP. NOW YOU MUST:

- **GO TO CLASS!!!** To remain eligible for your scholarship, you must maintain regular class attendance and complete all assignments. This will enable you to maintain satisfactory academic progress and help you reach your goal.
- Seek out help from the resources available on your campus. Remember to talk to your adviser or GEAR UP coordinator if you are having any problems.
- Stay focused! You can achieve your goal!

STEP 3

SSG will request the college you attend to verify that you meet the renewal requirements. After receipt of verification, your fall payment will be processed and sent to the college. Awards will be prorated over two semesters or three terms, according to the college's enrollment calendar. First payment for the 2013-14 academic year will be made **after October 1**. *Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.*